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Applicant:	Flam	Paper No.: N/A
Application No:	10/022,104	Group Art Unit: 2178
Filed:	12/13/01	Examiner: Londra C. Burge FAX: 703-872-9306

Title: *Configuring Activities to Perform Operations on User-Defined Fields*

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Response to a final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Summary of the prosecution

Examiner mailed a first Office action in the above patent application on 10/06/2004. In that Office action, Examiner rejected claim 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Examiner further rejected claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17-21, 24, 26, 29-31, 33, 36, 37, and 40 under 25 U.S.C 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. patent 5,966,716, Comer, et al., *Automatic Spreadsheet Forms*, having an effective filing date of 07/14/98. Examiner additionally rejected claims 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 32, 34, 35, 38, 39, 41, and 42 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Comer as applied to claims in 1, 20, and 37 in view of U.S. Patent 5,371,675, Greif, et al., *A Spreadsheet Program which Implements Alternative Range References*. Applicant amended claim 1 to overcome the rejection of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 101 and traversed the rejections of claims 1-40 that were based on 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

Examiner mailed a final Office action in the above application on 5/5/05 in which she persisted in her rejection of all of the claims. Applicants' Attorney requested a telephonic interview in this application which Examiner graciously granted. The interview was held at 11:00 on Thursday, July 14. Prior to the interview, Applicants'

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